

# 2004 ELECTION

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 44



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Karen Leinani Awana is a fourth generation resident of the Waianae Coast. Her father is James Awana and her mother is Luella Kaahaaina. She is a graduate of St. Andrew's Priory and the University of Hawaii. She is currently employed with Queen's Medical Center.

Karen is a member on the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board. She also established the Waianae Coast Weed and Seed Task Force.

Karen believes in finding balance between cultural values and traditions while embracing the changing needs of those who live and work in House District 44.

Educational processes need to prepare our children for life beyond high school. The foundation for this journey must be nurtured at the elementary level, designed for success in the middle schools and implemented at the secondary level. Better equipped students will create a stronger workforce.

Employment opportunities closer to the homes are needed so working parents can spend more time with their families - therefore, increasing the quality of life for the family unit. Karen believes in providing tax incentives to business created in low-income communities. Promoting viable jobs closer to home would decrease traveling time.

Transportation continues to burden Waianae Coast commuters. An alternate roadway needs to be constructed. Meanwhile, the use of contra-flow lanes during peak traffic times, proper timing of traffic lights, and connecting existing roadways would help to alleviate the current situation.

Your vote for Karen Awana is needed to move this community in the right direction. Mahalo!

